



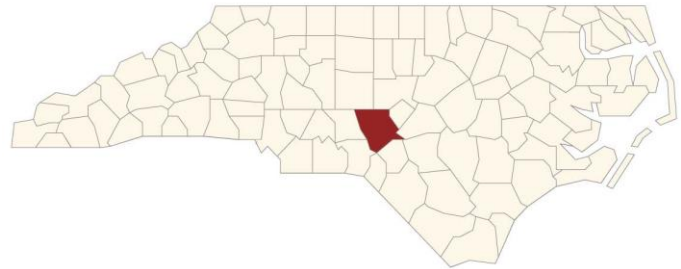
On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. ARRA provides increased support to several existing federal programs administered by states, creates new programs such as the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, and offers opportunities for states to apply for competitive grant programs.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's significant investment in North Carolina totaled almost \$19.5 billion, including assistance for those needing help the most through increases in unemployment benefits, Medicaid payments, and food stamps. In addition to those expanded services, ARRA gives hundreds of thousands of working North Carolinians a break through tax credits like the *Making Work Pay* tax credit and the *First Time Homebuyer's* tax credit.

The Recovery Act is not like earlier attempts to revive the nation's economy. It is not only a one-time infusion of federal funds; instead it is a long-term effort to restore economic expansion in the short-term, as well as prepare the nation's economy for stable, healthy long-term growth. Under the terms of the Recovery Act, support for North Carolina's economy will include both investments made directly by the federal government and investments of federal funds that are made under the oversight of the North Carolina state government.

## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Report, Moore County

Moore County received more than \$77.6 million in ARRA funding in grants, loans, and bonds. The following report outlines the various funding categories that contributed to the Moore County total.



**Pell Grant Awards:**  
**2,317**



**Small Business Jobs:**  
**160**

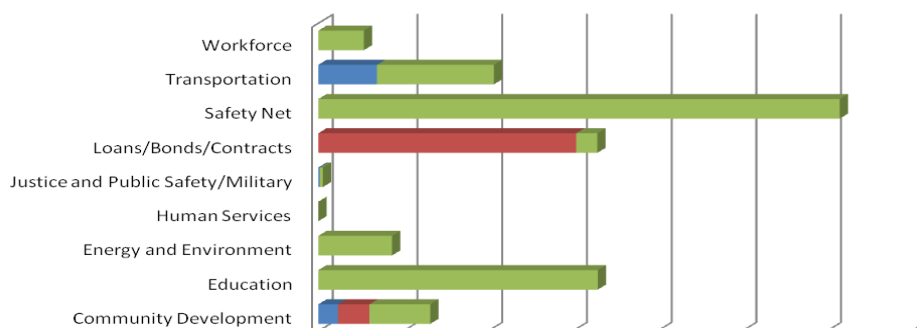


**Appliances rebated:**  
**354**



**Family homes financed:**  
**50**

### Moore County Totals



Sum of Prime Awards Sum of Sub-Awards Sum of Loans/Bonds

**Moore County,**  
pop 83,162 at a glance:

**Recovery Act Totals:**  
Grants: \$ 60,527,613.15  
Loans: \$ 13,580,463  
Bonds: \$ 3,500,000

**Total: \$77,608,076.15**



## Education

The Recovery Act placed a special emphasis on maintaining education funding. Governor Beverly Perdue furthered this commitment by pledging additional recovery funds from the Recovery Act to education, and leading North Carolina to additional funds by winning \$400 million in the Race to the Top program.

Most of the ARRA education funds are distributed to local schools through existing funding formulas. Special Education Funds and Title I funds go to schools based on eligible student enrollment. State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) and the EduJobs grants were designed to hold schools harmless during the recession, and were distributed to public and charter schools. The school systems have spent the majority of the funds on staff and support. Some projects, such as Race to the Top, will be spent for purchasing products and services rather than salaries for staff.

Authorization for low/no interest bonds for school construction/renovation followed the Department of Public Instruction procedures with initial allotments to the school systems. If a school system could not utilize their allotment, it was released to other school systems that could utilize additional allotments.

**Moore County schools** received \$22 million in education funding, including \$2.5 million in Special Education funds, \$1.5 million in Title I funds, \$7.5 million in SFSF funds, and \$7 million in Race to the Top funding.

Pell Grants are an educational Assistance Program that provides grants to eligible students to receive post-secondary or vocational training. Because Pell Grants are not student loans, they allow students to receive financial assistance to further education and training without incurring additional debt. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act increased the eligibility and the maximum amount of Pell Grants in 2009 and 2010 as a way to encourage educational opportunities, and to provide a way for eligible applicants to gain new job skills.

**In Moore County**, Sandhills Community College had 2,317 students funded by Pell Grants; these grants were worth more than \$3 million.



## Family Assistance

The Federal Department of Agriculture increased funding to their Single-Family home program with the ARRA. These resources assisted families in achieving the American Dream of home ownership through direct financial assistance (grants) or credit (loan guarantees). This program pumped more than \$729 million into North Carolina, providing assistance to more than 5,400 families.

**In Moore County**, 50 families received assistance through this program totaling more than \$7.5 million.

The Department of Energy created the Energy Star Appliance rebate program to help stimulate the economy by incentivizing the purchase of new, more energy efficient appliances, and helping consumers by providing long-term savings from their utility bills. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce managed the

program insuring North Carolina residents and retailers received the maximum benefit from this opportunity. North Carolina retailers sold more than 25,500 new energy efficiency appliances through this program, and North Carolina residents will enjoy energy savings for years to come. The program was so successful, that the State Energy Office reprogrammed additional funding to provide discounts to everyone participating in the program, bringing the total program value from \$8 up to \$10 Million.

**Moore County** retailers sold 354 appliances through the Energy Star Appliance rebate program.



## Small Business Assistance

The ARRA provided tax breaks, increased depreciation of business assets, and incentives for hiring for small businesses through the tax law changes found in Part B of the Act. The Recovery Act also established direct aid programs through the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA). These programs provided grants, loans and loan guarantees to grant small businesses access to much-needed operational credit during 2009 and 2010.

**In Moore County**, 13 small businesses received SBA loan guarantees worth \$4. According to the small businesses receiving these loans, the Recovery Act saved or created 160 jobs.



## Farm Assistance

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program is administered by the Farm Services Administration in the federal Department of Agriculture, which provides assistance to farmers suffering crop losses due to natural disasters. To qualify for the program a farm must have lost at least 10% of one crop during a natural disaster in a declared disaster county, or lost 50% of a crop during a disaster in a non-disaster county. North Carolina farmers received more than \$9 million in total payments under the ARRA-Funded SURE Program.

**In Moore County**, \$22,936 was received in assistance to farmers because of crop loss to natural disasters.



## CARS Program

The Car Allowance Rebate Program (CARS), more widely known as the 'Cash-for-Clunkers' program, provided an incentive for drivers of older, energy inefficient vehicles to upgrade to new cars. This program also provided a large economic impact in North Carolina, and North Carolina dealers received more than 18,000 trade-in vehicles through this program. North Carolina Car Dealers sold more than \$400,000,000 worth of new cars (recommended MSRP) through the CARS program. North Carolina drivers will save 172,130 miles per gallon through cars purchased through this program.

**In Moore County**, car dealers sold 245 cars worth \$5.3 million through the ARRA CARS program.



## Justice and Public Safety Programs

ARRA increased funding to the federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Program (JAG). JAG funds were awarded both as a formula allocation to the State, for \$34.5 million, and grants distributed by the Governor's Crime Commission to various local governments and entities. In addition, \$21,853,798 went to 216 local governments across the state for various purposes in line with the requirements of the act. Finally, there is a federal competitive portion that was open to state or local government applicants.

**In Moore County**, the Moore County Government, the Town of Southern Pines and the Town of Carthage received \$200,000 in JAG program grants.



## Environment and Natural Resources Programs

ARRA funded several programs to protect the environment, or to develop natural resources more efficiently. These programs ranged from environmental clean-up, such as leaking underground storage tank abatement and Brownfields programs, to EPA clean air grants, wildfire prevention grants, and revolving funds to build, expand, or overhaul existing water and sewer programs. These programs provided nearly \$150 million across North Carolina.

**In Moore County**, the Moore County government received a water and sewer grant worth \$3 million.



## Green Energy Programs

One of the goals of ARRA was to provide grants to help conserve energy and assist in the development of a green economy. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce received large grants for energy conservation under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These grants include the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), funded at just under \$20 million, and the State Energy Plan (SEP), funded at \$70 million. The State Energy Office then used these grants to make awards to businesses, non-profits, and local governments for various purposes.

**In Moore County**, Sandhills Community College, Moore County received an EECBG grant worth \$227,873 to purchase a campus-wide LED lighting system, add four hybrid cars and one plug-in electric service truck to their existing fleet.



## Safety Net Programs

Safety net programs are the category of ARRA funding that consists of programs designed to help populations made particularly vulnerable by the economic crisis. These generally include increases in existing programs, most notably the increase in both benefit level and duration of unemployment payments. Increases in the amount and duration of unemployment payments makes up the largest chunk of safety net programs funded through the Recovery Act, totaling more than \$3.5 billion statewide over more than two years. Safety net programs such as unemployment insurance and SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), not only benefit the recipient, but have a proven economic impact on a community.

**Moore County** residents received \$21 million in Unemployment Insurance increases during the 2 ½ year ARRA benefits increase. County residents also received \$3.5 million in SNAP benefit increases, and \$5.5 million in one-time payments of \$250 to social security recipients.

## Moore County Feature Story

### Moore County Enhances Public Safety with Recovery Opportunities

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act increased funding to the federal Department of Agriculture's Community Facilities Program. The Community Programs provide loans, grants, and loan guarantees for a variety of community selected high-impact projects, such as water and environmental projects, as well as community facilities projects. Community facilities projects develop essential community facilities for public use in rural areas and may include hospitals, fire protection, safety, as well as many other community-based initiatives.



Since 1921, the Aberdeen Fire Department has been protecting the Town of Aberdeen and rural Moore County. The mission of the Aberdeen Fire Department is to protect and enhance the high quality of life for the citizens and visitors of the Town of Aberdeen from the adverse effects of natural and man-made emergencies.

The population of the town has increased 85% since the 2001 census. The department found that it needed to expand the current facility to adequately serve the people of Moore County. The Fire Department made an application to the USDA for a Community facilities award to construct an addition to the current fire station. The USDA awarded more than \$1.3 million for the project.

The new addition will add 5,200 square feet to the existing fire station. The expansion includes offices, training room, new kitchen, sleeping quarters, and handicap accessible restroom facilities.

Four fire fighters and two paramedics are on call at any given time, and the upgrades to the sleeping quarters will represent a large quality of life improvement to these public safety officers. Part of the new space will be used for storage, with the understanding that with the rapid increase in the size of Aberdeen in the last 10 years, this space will be designed with modular walls to be used for future expansion should the need arise.



The new construction will also make major renovations to the existing facility in order to enhance the services and efficiency of the department. These improvements will include: renovated office space, weight room, laundry room, renovated vehicle storage, heating and air conditioning system replacement, fire sprinkler system, communications equipment, smart board technology, furniture and equipment. Construction on the expansion is currently underway, and the expansion to the fire station should be completed soon.



## Appendix, Moore County breakout

Federal Agency	Program Title	Recipient name	Recipient role <sup>i</sup>	Prime Amount <sup>ii</sup>	Unique Sub Awards <sup>iii</sup>	Loans	Additional Economic Activity (not counted toward totals) <sup>iv</sup>
	Bonds		P			\$0.00	
		Southern Pines	P			\$3,500,000.00	
	Cash for Clunkers		S		\$1,043,500.00		
	Federal Pell Grant Program	Sandhills Community College	P				
	Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans - Guaranteed	Individuals	L			\$7,684,613.00	
Department of Agriculture	Business and Industry Loans	Various	L		\$1,248,000.00		
	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Multiple Individuals	S		\$3,636,774.56		
Department of Energy	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)	Sandhills Community College	S	\$0.00	\$227,873.00	\$0.00	
Department of Health and Human Services	Aging Congregate Nutrition Services for States	Moore County Department On Aging	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Aging Home-Delivered Nutrition Services for States	Moore County Department On Aging	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Department of Housing and Urban Development	Public Housing Capital Fund Formula (Recovery Act Funded)	Southern Pines Housing Authority	P	\$223,262.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Department of Justice	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program / Grants To Units Of Local Government	Moore, County Of	P	\$43,430.00		\$0.00	\$43,430.00
		Southern Pines, Town Of	P	\$46,626.00		\$0.00	\$46,626.00
	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice	Carthage, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$11,200.00	\$0.00	

	Assistance Grant (JAG) Program/ Grants to States and Territories					
				\$0.00	\$11,200.00	\$0.00
		Southern Pines Police, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$35,700.00	\$0.00
		Southern Pines, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$35,700.00	\$0.00
<b>Department of Labor</b>	Unemployment Insurance	Multiple Individuals	S		\$21,395,305.28	
<b>Environmental Protection Agency</b>	Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds	Moore, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Federal Highway Administration</b>	Highway Planning and Construction	Eco Express Solutions, LLC	PV	\$0.00		\$13,019.00
		North Carolina Department Of Transportation	P	\$3,313,779.00		\$0.00 \$3,313,779.00
				\$135,000.00		\$0.00 \$135,000.00
				\$20,000.00		\$0.00 \$20,000.00
		Riley Paving Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00 \$3,263,427.00
<b>Federal Transit Administration</b>	Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	Moore, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$149,550.00	\$0.00
<b>Food and Nutrition Service</b>	Child Nutrition Discretionary Grants Limited Availability	Moore County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$26,650.85	\$0.00
<b>Idaho Operations Office</b>	Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (EEARP)		P		\$81,744.09	\$0.00
<b>Office of Elementary and Secondary Education</b>	Education Technology State Grants, Recovery Act	Moore County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$39,436.00	\$0.00
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Education State Grants, Recovery Act	Academy Of Moore County, The	S	\$0.00	\$98,304.00	\$0.00
		Moore County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$6,462,636.00	\$0.00
		Sandhills Community College	S	\$0.00	\$793,672.38	\$0.00
		Stars School	S	\$0.00	\$148,805.00	\$0.00
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grants, Recovery Act	Moore County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$7,165,000.00	\$0.00
	Title I Grants to Local Educational	Academy Of Moore County, The	S	\$0.00	\$14,284.00	\$0.00



	Agencies, Recovery Act						
		Moore County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$1,562,917.00	\$0.00	
		Stars School	S	\$0.00	\$77,564.00	\$0.00	
<b>Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services</b>	Special Education - Preschool Grants, Recovery Act	Moore County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$102,228.00	\$0.00	
	Special Education Grants to States, Recovery Act	Academy Of Moore County, The	S	\$0.00	\$33,568.00	\$0.00	
		Moore County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$2,598,197.00	\$0.00	
		Stars School	S	\$0.00	\$56,207.00	\$0.00	
<b>Rural Housing Service</b>	Community Facilities Loans and Grants		P	\$367,050.00		\$0.00	\$367,050.00
		Aberdeen, Town Of	P	\$203,400.00		\$0.00	\$203,400.00
				\$0.00		\$1,144,900.00	\$1,144,900.00
		Robbins, Town Of	P	\$0.00		\$712,450.00	\$712,450.00
				\$367,050.00		\$0.00	\$367,050.00
<b>Small Business Administration</b>	Loans	Artistic Kitchens & Baths, LLC	L			\$280,000.00	
		Elite Properties & Services LI	L			\$250,000.00	
		K & S Underground Services LLC	L			\$60,000.00	
		Mathews Appraisal, Inc	L			\$100,000.00	
		Moore Uniforms LLC	L			\$250,000.00	
		Ola Marketing Inc	L			\$113,000.00	
		Page Hill, LLC	L			\$12,500.00	
		Premier Properties Of The Sand	L			\$1,985,000.00	
		Sharon J Compa	L			\$150,000.00	
		Tel Holdings, Inc. DbA Sears	L			\$5,000.00	
		Telum Protection Corporation	L			\$639,500.00	
		Zeh Chiropractic Center P.A.	L			\$193,500.00	
<b>SSA</b>	Social Security Economic Recovery Act Payments	Multiple Individuals	P		\$5,752,000.00		
<b>Grand Total</b>				\$4,719,597.00	\$55,808,016.15	\$17,080,463.00	\$9,630,131.00

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<sup>i</sup> Recipient Role are as follows: P is a prime recipient; S is a Sub-recipient; PV is a vendor to a prime recipient; SV is a vendor to a sub-recipient; L is a loan recipient.

<sup>ii</sup> Prime Amounts are unique prime awards within a county. These are entities who have received funding directly from a federal agency, and are required to report directly to [www.federalreporting.gov](http://www.federalreporting.gov)

<sup>iii</sup> Unique Sub Awards are amounts that flow into a county from a source that is NOT directly from a Federal Agency. Generally these are funds awarded to the North Carolina State Government that have been directed to a local source.

<sup>iv</sup> Additional Economic Activity are economic activity attributable to a previous funding category. They may be a sub award by a prime recipient within a county, or a contract funded by one of the previous three columns. This economic activity is not counted toward the county total.